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KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION STATE SYMPOSIUM



The Louisiana Environmental Education Commission is pleased to announce that famed outdoor photographer CC Lockwood will be the keynote speaker at this year's Environmental Education State Symposium, to be held February 19-20, 2016 at the Baton Rouge Marriott. The theme for this year's conference is "Exploring the Natural World."

Lockwood has lived and worked in fragile ecosystems whose preservation shapes his artistry. Through words and images, he has captured the unique sense of space in wild places as diverse as Louisiana swampland and the rugged back country of the American West. His work has earned him international acclaim as an environmental artist, including the Sierra Club's Ansel Adams Award for conservation photography. Lockwood's work continues to reflect changes and perils in the natural world. His eleventh book, *Marsh Mission*, is part of a years-long effort by Lockwood to bring attention to the crisis of vanishing Gulf Coast wetlands.

Lockwood moved to Louisiana in 1967 to attend Louisiana State University, where he received his B.S. in Finance in 1971. During his early years in Louisiana, he fell in love with the state's swampy backcountry, and he abandoned plans for a career in business as soon as he graduated. He taught himself photography and headed for wild places, determined to make a living capturing images of nature. Much of this time has been on a houseboat.

He is also the co-founder of several environmental organizations, including the Baton Rouge Audubon Society, The Clean Team, and Marsh Mission.

Held annually at locations around the state, the Environmental Education State Symposium features fun, hands-on, environmentally-based educational opportunities while we show you how to "Explore the Natural World" with your students! Earn CLUs, network with educators and local scientists, and go home with great ideas for your classroom.

Find the online registration form at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/webform/2016-louisiana-environmental-education-state-symposium>.

View the conference brochure at <http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/>



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WORKSHOPS

SIGN UP NOW FOR A GIVE A WHOOP! WORKSHOP

Learn about the Whooping Crane reintroduction program and the crane's amazing journey back from the brink of extinction! This workshop will explain the complexities and challenges of the reintroduction program, demonstrate classroom lesson activities, and allow participants the opportunity to learn about these magnificent creatures! This workshop opportunity is open to both formal and informal Louisiana educators.

By attending you will receive:

- Breakfast and Lunch
- Binder Filled with GLE Aligned Lessons
- Continuing Education Credits
- Replica Whooping Crane Egg
- Life-size Whooping Crane Poster

Two upcoming sessions are available: Saturday, January 16 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Chimp Haven, 13600 Chimpanzee Place, Keithville, LA 71047 and Saturday, January 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at White Lake Wetlands Conservation Area, 15926 LA Hwy. 91, Gueydan, LA 70542.

Find the Chimp Haven [flyer and registration form here](#). Find the White Lake [flyer and registration form here](#). For more information, contact Carrie Salyers at csalyers@wlf.la.gov or call 337-262-2080 ex.2705.

VOLUNTEER PROJECT

OYSTER SHELL PROJECT IN BURAS

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana (CRCL) is inviting volunteers to join them for an oyster shell recycling project in Buras. Launched in June 2014, CRCL's Oyster Shell Recycling Program recycles used shell from participating New Orleans-based restaurants and uses that shell to restore oyster reefs and shoreline habitat across Coastal Louisiana. Volunteers will help prepare the shell for a reef restoration project in Biloxi Marsh (east of the mouth of the Mississippi River). Volunteers will place the recycled shell into bags that will later be stacked on barges and transported to the oyster reef restoration site. By helping prep the shell, volunteers will play a role in creating a new 0.5 mile oyster reef that will allow for the growth of new oysters, create new fish habitat, and act as a wave break which will knock down storm surge and allow new land to build up behind the reef. Upcoming dates are Monday, December 7, Tuesday, December 8 and Monday, December 14.

CRCL requires that each volunteer registers separately. Find the registration form for these and other CRCL events at <http://crcl.org/calendar.html>.

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TEACHER RESOURCES

Turn your classroom into a virtual lab with six interactive lesson plans designed to engage varied learners, enhance digital literacy, and increase overall retention of core concepts. Students input and revise variables to observe different results and solutions, reinforcing key messages regarding plant nutrition, food production and food security.

Visit <http://www.thescienceofsoil.com/teacher-resources>

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